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§ 29.2556 Strips.

The sides of a tobacco leaf from which the stem has been removed or a lot of tobacco composed of strips.

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§ 29.2557 Subgrade.

Any grade modified by a special factor symbol.

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§ 29.2558 Sweated.

The condition of tobacco, which has passed through one or more fermentations natural to tobacco packed with a normal percentage of moisture. This condition is sometimes described as aged.

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§ 29.2559 Sweating.

The condition of tobacco in the process of fermentation.

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§ 29.2560 Tobacco.

Tobacco as it appears between the time it is cured and stripped from the stalk, or primed and cured, and the time it enters into the different manufacturing processes. The acts of stemming, threshing, sweating, and conditioning are not regarded as manufacturing processes. Tobacco, as used in these standards, does not include manufactured or semimanufactured products, stems, cutting, clippings, trimmings, siftings, or dust.

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§ 29.2561 Tobacco products.

Manufactured tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, and snuff.

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§ 29.2562 Type.

A division of a class of tobacco having certain common characteristics and closely related grades. Tobacco which has the same characteristics and corresponding qualities, colors, and lengths is classified as one type, regardless of any factors of historical or geographical nature which cannot be determined by an examination of the tobacco.

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§ 29.2563 Type 22.

That type of Fire-cured tobacco, known as Eastern District Fire-cured, produced principally in a section east of the Tennessee River in southern Kentucky and northern Tennessee.

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§ 29.2564 Type 23.

That type of Fire-cured tobacco, known as Western District Fire-cured or Dark-fired, produced principally in a section west of the Tennessee River in Kentucky and extending into Tennessee.

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§ 29.2565 Type 96.

That type of fire-cured tobacco known as Foreign-grown Fire-cured produced in countries other than the United States.

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§ 29.2566 Undried.

The condition of unfermented tobacco which has not been air-dried or steam-dried.

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§ 29.2567 Uniformity.

An element of quality which describes the consistency of a lot of tobacco as it is prepared for market. Uniformity is expressed as a percentage in

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grade specifications. (See Rule 14, § 29.2630.)

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§ 29.2568 Unsound (U).

Damaged under 20 percent. (See Rule 20, § 29.2636.)

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§ 29.2569 Unstemmed.

A form of tobacco, including whole leaf and leaf scrap, from which the stems or midribs have not been removed.

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§ 29.2570 Wet (W).

Any sound tobacco containing excessive moisture to the extent that it is in unsafe or doubtful-keeping order. Wet applies to any tobacco which is not damaged but which is likely to damage if treated in the customary manner. (See Rule 21, § 29.2637.) (For extremely wet or watered tobacco, see rule 22, § 29.2638.)

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§ 29.2571 Width.

The relative breadth of a tobacco leaf expressed in relation to its length. Width, as an element of quality, does not apply to tobacco in strip form. (See chart, § 29.2601.)

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ELEMENTS OF QUALITY

§ 29.2601 Elements of quality and degrees of each element.

Tobacco attributes or characteristics which constitute quality are designated as elements of quality. The range within each element is expressed by words or terms designated as degrees. These degrees are arranged to show their relative value and are used in determining the quality of tobacco.

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The actual value of each degree varies with group.

Elements		Degrees	
Body	Thin	Medium	Heavy.
Maturity	Immature	Mature	Ripe.
Leaf structure	Close	Firm	Open.
Oil	Lean	Oily	Rich.
Elasticity	Inelastic	Semielastic ..	Elastic.
Strength	Weak	Normal	Strong.
Finish	Dull	Clear	Bright.
Color intensity.	Pale	Moderate	Deep.
Width	Narrow	Normal	Spready.
Uniformity.....	Expressed in percentages.		
Injury tolerance...	Expressed in percentages.		

SIZES

§ 29.2606 Standard sizes.¹

Inches	Size
12–20	1
20–28	2
Over 28	3

¹ The application of sizes is governed by the major portion of the lot or package.

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RULES

§ 29.2616 Rules.

The application of these official standard grades shall be in accordance with §§ 29.2617 through 29.2639.

[37 FR 13626, July 12, 1972, as amended at 49 FR 16757, Apr. 20, 1984]

§ 29.2617 Rule 1.

Each grade shall be treated as a subdivision of a particular type. When the grade is stated in an inspection certificate, the type also shall be stated.

§ 29.2618 Rule 2.

The determination of a grade shall be based upon a thorough examination of a lot of tobacco or of an official sample of the lot.

§ 29.2619 Rule 3.

In drawing an official sample from a hogshead or other package of tobacco, two or more breaks shall be made at such points and in such manner as the inspector or sampler may find necessary to determine the kinds of tobacco and the percentage of each kind contained in the lot. All breaks shall be made so that the tobacco contained in the center of the package is visible